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# Land Grant Application- Erskine, George (Portland)

George Erskine

Huldah Erskine

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John Rand Esq,  
April 13. 1836,



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William Woart Jr Esq  
Postmaster  
Augusta  
Me

Portland. April 13. 1836

Sir

Huldah Estline made application for the benefit of the Resolves of March 17. 1835. & her late husband's honorable discharge accompanied her declaration. Her claim having been rejected. you will confer a favor by returning to me the honorable discharge. unless the Land Agent thinks it should remain in the files of his office. Should he think it necessary to retain it. I will thank you for a copy of it — Mrs Estline will probably be entitled to the benefit of the Resolves of March 24. 1836. and the discharge will be necessary to support the claim.

I forwarded to you some weeks since the declaration of Mary Chute under Resolves of March 17. 1835. please inform me when a decision upon it may be expected.

Res<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> ob<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

John Rand

Wm Woot In Esq  
Augusta

M<sup>o</sup> Rand Esq  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 6 1835

Care of Muldahl Eskline



Portland. Aug 6. 1835.

For Enclosed is the declaration of Huldah Es-  
kins under the Rode of Maine of March 17. 1835-

The Judge of Probate for Cumberland Co. is  
absent from the State and is not expected to return  
for some weeks. - rendering it impossible to obtain his  
certificate that the applicant was the lawful wife  
and is the widow of the person in whose name  
the claim is made - A certificate has therefore  
been obtained from the Clerk of the United States  
Courts for Maine District that a pension has been  
granted by the United States to Huldah Eskins as  
the Widow of George Eskins : - and that said Huldah  
is the same person who signed the accompanying  
declaration - Which it is hoped may satisfy the Agent  
that the applicant is the widow of the person in  
whose name the claim is made -

It is supposed that the documents which the  
Land Agent is authorized to procure at the State's ex-  
pense from Massachusetts & from Washington will furnish  
the requisite evidence of service rendered during the  
War

Respectfully Yrs &c

John Rand

Wm. West Jr. Esq

Augusta. Me

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Madduk Orskine  
widow of George Orskine,

Recd Augt. 10. 1835.  
not a copy

Not 3 yrs  
Rejected

See claim No. 141  
Resolve March 24. 36.

J. R. Rand Esq  
Portland

BY THE HONOURABLE  
MAJOR-GENERAL KNOX,  
Commanding the AMERICAN FORCES on Hudson's River.

*George Erskine* soldier in  
*the first Massachusetts* Regiment,  
being enlisted for Three Years, is hereby honourably DISCHARGED from  
the Service of the United States.

Given in the State of New-York,  
the *fourth* Day of *january*

1784

By the General's Command,

*Anna M. M. M.*

*In Doughty*  
*Ad. J. P. Temp.*

REGISTERED in the Books of the Regiment,

*... his name & records since his decease.*  
*a grant of lands, or money in lieu thereof either from the common-*  
*wealth of Massachusetts*



I Eldad Estlin of Portland in the County of Cumberland,  
and State of Maine, aged twenty three years, do upon oath de-  
clare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolue of the Legislature  
of Maine passed March 24. 1836. entitled a "Resolue additional to  
a Resolue passed March seventeenth in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled Resolue in favor  
of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the widows  
of the deceased officers and soldiers." that I am the widow of  
George Estlin late of said Portland, who was lost at sea on  
board the Privateer Dart of Portland, on or about the first day  
of October, A. D. 1812. - That I have reason to believe, & do fully  
believe that my said late husband, George Estlin, did enlist to  
serve for the term of three years in the first Massachusetts Regi-  
ment commanded by Col. Kirk, and was honorably discharged in  
the State of New York on the fourth day of January A. D. one  
thousand seven hundred and eighty-four. - I do further on oath de-  
clare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe that my said  
late husband, George Estlin, was at the time of his said enlist-  
ment an inhabitant of East-Bridgewater in the State of Massachu-  
setts, and that I do know that he was at the time of his de-  
cease as aforesaid an inhabitant of the State of Maine residing in  
Portland aforesaid, where he had resided for eight years before  
his decease. That I have reason to believe, & do fully be-  
lieve, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming  
under him, did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,)  
a grant of lands, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, or the State of Maine for his said ser-  
vice, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that  
I am therefore, justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolue.

Eldad Estlin



State of Maine. Cumberland Co. Subscribed and sworn to  
this twenty second day of April. A.D. 1836.

Before me John Rand. Justice of the Peace

S. Banette Potter. Judge of Probate for the County of Cumberland.  
hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been adduced to me,  
that Huldah Eskine within named was the lawful wife, and is  
the widow of George Eskine deceased

Banette Potter

Huldah Eskine 14,  
widow of George Eskine

Filed Apr. 27 1836,

As Requested of said Mr.  
Register March 17 1835,

Schmitt, & Co. Clerk,

No. 5. of April 28. 1836,

to wit J. H. Rand. Esq.

Potter & Co. Esq.  
clerk 1836

John H. Rand Esq.  
Justice of the Peace

Original discharge returned to Genl. Menden Cry  
Sept. 16, 1836.

I, Huldah Esquires of Portland, in the County of Cumberland, and State of Maine, aged seventy-three years, do, upon oath, declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled as "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the widows of the deceased officers and soldiers," that I am the widow of George Esquires, late of Portland in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, who was lost at sea on board the Privateer Earl of Portland October 1, 1812, at which time said vessel foundered — That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband George Esquires, did enlist in the winter of 1780-1, in the First Massachusetts Regiment, commanded by Colonel Knapp, for the period of three years, and was honorably discharged in the State of New York on the fourth day of January A.D. 1784, having served out the time of his enlistment —

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe and do fully believe, that my said late husband, George Esquires, was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of East-Bridgewater in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that I do know that he was at the time of his death as aforesaid, and inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in Portland aforesaid, where he had resided for eight years before his death — That I have reason to believe and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him, did receive, (nor have I received, since his decease,) a grant of lands, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve

Huldah Esquires

State of Maine  
Lumberton, B. Subscribed and sworn to this  
second day of July A.D. 1835-

Before me.

John Rand. Justice of Peace



Maine District

District Clerk's Office.

I hereby certify whom it may concern that  
Huldah Erskine who subscribed the within application is person-  
ally known to me and is the same person for whom I obtained a  
pension from the United States as the Widow of George Erskine who  
was lost in the Privateer Dart sometime about the first of October  
1812:— that I well knew George Erskine who was a resident of Port-  
land & that since his decease, his Widow & family have continued  
to reside in this place & that I have no doubt the facts set forth by  
the Widow in her application are true—

In testimony of which I have hereto set my  
hand & the Seal of the U. S. District Court  
for said District this fifth day of August  
A. D. Eighteen hundred & thirty five.



John Mufsey Clerk U. S. Court  
for Maine